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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with SSCI Staff Director on the 16 April Countermeasures Hearing

1. On 10 April [redacted] OCA met with Bernie McMahon, SSCI staff director, and John Elliff, Charles Battaglia and Ed Levine of that staff to discuss the 16 April Countermeasures hearing. [redacted] of the IC Staff was also present.

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2. In response to our questions, McMahon said that the 4 March letters to each of the principals contained what the Committee wanted to hear from them and he had no further instructions beyond that. The Committee expects that the Director will speak for the "administration" and that the DDA will speak to the CIA issues of technical security countermeasures and personnel security. The Director is free to leave following his testimony so long as there is someone there to speak for the administration. [redacted] said that either [redacted] or Eloise Page would be there but that decision had not yet been made.

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3. The staffers emphasized that the Director and the DDA confine their oral statements to 10 minutes in the interest of time. [redacted] said that the Director will begin with a brief tutorial on countermeasures and that he will express strong views on CI/CM. McMahon said the Committee has no objection to that. He added that Mr. McMahon has made the point that each agency is responsible for its security and we don't need to continue to make it. The Committee is not looking for a "czar", but they are looking for areas where there is commonality or common ground.

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4. The staff will provide us with a copy of the "issues paper" for the Senators when it is completed late Friday or early Monday. McMahon concluded by saying that other agencies such as Treasury and the FBI may send representatives if they wish and that the principals may feel free to bring whatever staff they need.

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